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REQUEST FOR RETURNED INITIALED FORM PTO/SB/08

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Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of this application. In reviewing the above-captioned application file, the undersigned has noted that Applicants' Form PTO/SB/08 submitted with their Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on April 12, 2002 has not been acknowledged by the Patent and Trademark Office. This Supplemental IDS was filed to correct the document number of Reference A1 on the March 12, 2002 IDS. Attached herewith is a copy of the Supplemental IDS filed April 12, 2002 as well as a copy of the 1449 form submitted with the March 12, 2002 IDS. Please note that the correct document number for Reference A1 is 56-36572 as indicated on the April 12, 2002 SB/08 form. The correct document was submitted with the original IDS on March 12, 2002.

The Patent and Trademark Office is, therefore, requested to return the initialed SB/08 to the undersigned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to correct an inadvertent error in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 12, 2002. Specifically, the Form PTO/1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement incorrectly identified Japanese Patent 56-36572 as 56-365572. Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a corrected listing of documents submitted on March 12, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.



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